

REMARKS

This Amendment is respectfully submitted in further response to the Office Action rendered April 6, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of the ensuing remarks.

The claims have been amended as follows: claims 7, 21 and 25 have been canceled without prejudice to continuing to prosecute claims to compositions which relate to other embodiments of the invention, in order to expedite prosecution of the remaining claims. Claim 16 has been amended and re-presented in order to rejoin the method claim previously withdrawn. Claim 18 has been amended to render it dependent from claim 17.

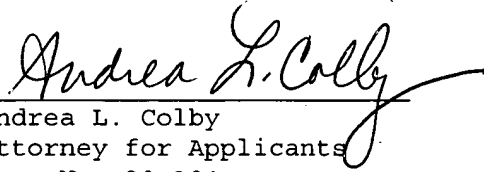
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the previous withdrawal of the objection to claim 22 and the withdrawal of the previous rejection of claims 7 and 17-24 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Jiang et al.

The Office Action of April 6, 2004 objected to claims 18 and 21 as reciting the term "A composition according to claim 7". Reconsideration of this objection is respectfully requested in view of the amendment of claim 18 rendering it dependent from claim 17 and the cancellation without prejudice of claim 21.

Claims 7, 21 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Fisher et al. (WO 98/55075) and under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fisher et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,130,254). Claim 18 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of these rejections in view of the cancellation without prejudice of claims 7, 21 and 25 and the amendment made to claim 18 rendering it dependent from claim 17.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action of April 6, 2004. An early allowance is earnestly solicited.

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